

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 7, 2005, stated that "Claim 18 can't be both cancelled and presented?" In reply, Applicant notes that a typographical error caused two claims labeled as claim 18 to be presented in the application simultaneously. The second one of the redundantly labeled claims was later cancelled by amendment. Only the first claim labeled as claim 18 is now pending. For consistency, Applicant has continued to list the currently pending claim 18 along with the cancelled redundant claim 18 in the listing of claims.

In particular, two claims labeled as "Claim 18" were added at pages 5 and 6 of the preliminary amendment filed September 19, 2001. This redundant claim numbering was a typographical error. In the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, at page 5, the Examiner stated that "As to claim 18, there are two different claims for claim 18 (see page 5 and 6). It is not known which of the two claims represents claim 18." Thereafter, in the Amendment and Response to Office Action filed October 5, 2004, the second claim labeled as claim 18 was canceled and, at page 13, Applicant stated that "a second claim 18 has been canceled by this response." Again, for consistency, both of the redundantly labeled claims appear in the listing of claims. If the Examiner desires a change to the listing of claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney listed below.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. For these reasons, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 05-0967.

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